

DNR Hiring Freeze

Job Seeker Questions and Answers

1. Is the Department of Natural Resources still operating under a hiring freeze? Yes. Due to agency revenue impacts, The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is operating under a hiring freeze.

2. How long will the hiring freeze be in effect? DNR's hiring freeze became effective August 7, 2008. We are uncertain of an end date.

3. What types of positions are affected by the hiring freeze? The hiring freeze applies to all positions, including permanent, non-permanent, classified (includes Washington Management Service), and exempt.

4. Are there any positions that are exempted from the hiring freeze? Yes. Certain activities will be exempted from the hiring freeze. The exemptions include:

- Fire fighting
- Enforcement officers
- Revenue production
- Case by case exceptions

5. Are all the recruitments posted at the DNR job site going to be filled?

With one exception, all jobs posted on our job site have been approved to fill. Our agency has been reviewing every recruitment request to determine if it meets one of the exemptions. The exception to this is our open-continuous State Lands Forester 1 recruitment announcement that remains open at all times to generate and capture interest in future State Lands Forester 1 openings.

6. Who can I call to find out more details about a position for which I am being considered?

You should contact the individual supervisor indicated on our recruitment announcements for specific questions about the status of their recruitment. You can also call our recruiting staff at 360-902-1228 or 360-902-1350.

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